

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO ENDOSULFAN VICTIMS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has conducted any study on health effects of Endosulfan on human beings in the country especially in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details along with the outcome thereof;
- (c) whether the Government has received any representation from the State Government of Kerala seeking financial assistance for Endosulfan victims;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken/proposed by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI ABU HASEM KHAN CHOUDHURY)

- (a) & (b): Several health problems were reported due to the aerial spraying of Endosulfan in Kasargod, Kerala. National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) took suo-moto notice of this and directed National Institute of Occupational Health (NIOH), Ahmedabad to conduct a study. The report of this study was submitted in 2002 to NHRC. The study concluded that there is significantly higher prevalence of neurobehavioral disorders, congenital malformations in the study group as compared to the reference group.
- (c) to (e) : In response to a proposal received from State Government of Kerala in the PIP, an amount of Rs. 5.6 crores has been approved for release to the State Government in 2012-13.